

# Cover Crop

## *Tennessee Conservation Practice Job Sheet*

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<b>For:</b>	<b>Farm No.:</b>
<b>Field(s):</b>	<b>Tract No.:</b>
<b>Designed By:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
	<b>Signature:</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

### **Definition:**

Grasses, legumes, forbs, or other herbaceous plants established for seasonal cover and conservation purposes.



### **Purposes (Check all that apply)**

Reduce erosion from wind and water.  
Increase soil organic matter.  
Manage excess nutrients in the soil profile.  
Promote biological nitrogen fixation.

Increase biodiversity.  
Weed suppression.  
Provide supplemental forage.  
Soil moisture management.

**Condition Where Practice Applies**

On all lands requiring vegetative cover for natural resource protection.

**SPECIFICATIONS - COVER CROPS WILL BE ESTABLISHED AFTER THE FOLLOWING CROPS:**

Fields	After the Following Crops

**SEEDING AND MANAGEMENT**

Fields	Species	Rate/ Acre	Seeding Time	Method of Seeding D = Drill B = Broadcast A = Aerial	Date or Stage to Till or Kill Cover Crop	Method to Till or Kill Cover Crop

**OPERATION/MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

1. Control growth of the cover crop to reduce competition from volunteer plants and shading.
2. Control weeds in the cover crop by mowing or herbicide application.
3. When seeding legumes, ensure the proper inoculate is used at planting time. It is best to inoculate just prior to planting.
4. Do not use treated seed when broadcasting or aerial seeding in a crop to be harvested.
5. Establish the cover crop within the stated time period and maintain until the stated time/growth stage.

For questions regarding the application and management of cover crops, contact  
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